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Exhibit B

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2	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
3	EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
4	CHAPTER 11
5	CASE NO. 16-75547 (REG)
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7	In re
8	DOWLING COLLEGE, f/d/b/a DOWLING
	INSTITUTE, f/d/b/a DOWLING COLLEGE ALUMNI
9	ASSOCIATION, f/d/b/a CECOM, a/k/a DOWLING
	COLLEGE, INC.,
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	Debtor.
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	90 Merrick Avenue
14	East Meadow, New York
15	January 31, 2016
	10:10 a.m.
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18	AUCTION IN THE ABOVE
19	CAPTIONED PROCEEDING.
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     BIDDER GROUP A - MICHAEL KANE
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     BIDDER GROUP B - MARK JIA
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     BIDDER GROUP C - TOMER VARDI
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MR. SOUTHARD: Good morning.

For the record, my name is Sean

Southard and I'm a partner with the

law firm of Klestadt Winters Jureller

Southard and Stevens and we serve as

bankruptcy counsel to Dowling

College, now a Debtor in Possession

under Chapter 11 of U.S. Bankruptcy

Code, with the case pending before

the Honorable Robert E. Grossman,

United States Bankruptcy Judge for

the Eastern District of New York.

We're assembled here this
morning for an auction, that is being
held at 90 Merrick Avenue, East
Meadow, New York, by invitation of
the Certilman Balin Law Firm and
pursuant to the order of the United
States Bankruptcy Court for the
Eastern District of New York, dated
October 17, 2017, Docket Number 425
in the Chapter 11 Case Number
16-75545, which Order, among other
things, approved certain Bidding

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Procedures that we will follow today, scheduled this auction and approved certain related notices.

Today, I will refer to that order as the Bidding Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures approved thereby, as the Bidding Procedures.

The Bidding Procedures Order was entered in response to the Debtor's motion seeking the entry of that order and approval of this sale overall.

Everyone in attendance this morning has checked in through security for the building and has also checked in with the Debtor's representatives, at the table located outside this room and have been provided with appropriate seating for their role, if any, today.

We have three Bidder Groups
this morning, that were determined to
be qualified bidders, pursuant to the
Bidding Procedures, and who will have

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the opportunity to participate today in the auction.

By submitting bid packages and participating today, each group has agreed to be subject to the Bidding Procedures established by the Debtor and approved by the Bankruptcy Court. Copies of those Bidding Procedures and Bidding Procedures Order were made available and are available this morning upon request.

That means, among other things, that each Bidder provided a written and signed irrevocable offer, stating that the Bidder offers to consummate a sale transaction on the terms and conditions set forth on the Modified Purchase Agreement, confirming that the bid will remain irrevocable until the earlier of 90 days following entry of a final sale order and closing with a successful bidder and also stating that the bidder has had the opportunity to conduct due

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diligence prior to its offer and does not require further due diligence, as relied solely upon its own independent review and investigation and did not rely on any written or oral representation, except as may be contained in the Modified Purchase Agreement.

Each Bidder has also provided a deposit, equal to five percent of their bid, prior to bidding this morning. That deposit is subject to forfeiture as liquidated damages, under certain conditions set forth in the Bidding Procedures.

The sale is as is, where is,
except as set forth in the Purchase
Agreement. Both the highest and best
bid and the back-up bid, will be
determined and both are open and
irrevocable, pursuant to those
Bidding Procedures, until the earlier
of 90 days following entry of the
sale order or closing of the sale.

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The back-up Bidder's deposit, will be held pending closing and promptly returned thereafter.

For the avoidance of any doubt, no bid made here or announcement as to determination of the highest and best bid, shall be deemed to be an accepted or binding offer, unless and until it is approved by order of the Bankruptcy Court.

Each group has been seated at a designated table, labeled with letters A through C. And each group has agreed to make one person the group's authorized representative to speak for the group today and make bids during the formal auction proceeding on the record today.

Also in attendance today, are representatives including counsel for ACA Financial Guarantee Corporation, UNB Bank, the United States Trustee and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, appointed in the

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Debtor's bankruptcy case.

Some general rules this morning for nonparticipant attendees. Much like in the courthouse, the formal auction proceeding this morning will be recorded by a court reporter.

Other than this recording, no recordings of any kind are permitted this morning, including photography of any kind, by any person during the auction proceedings.

Further, other than qualified
Bidder participants and their
authorized representatives, use of
tablets, photography devices, cell
phones or smart phones is not
permitted during the proceedings.
And any unauthorized use, will result
in suspension of the proceedings,
with such parties being requested to
leave the premises.

Other than authorized participants and designated representatives, no parties are

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authorized to make any comments or statements on the record. Further, nonparticipant attendees shall not be permitted to communicate with the Bidders, either prior to or during the auction proceedings.

We also request that any members of the press that may be present today, please refrain from questioning any participant or representative, until I have announced that the proceedings have concluded.

Thereafter, we further ask that all parties present today be respectful and courteous and honor the wishes of any attendee, who does not wish to be questioned or interviewed.

Moving on then to the general rules for participants, rules of the auction today.

First, the Debtor representatives shall conduct the

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auction in accordance with the court approved Bidding Procedures, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

A court stenographer shall be present to transcribe the formal portion of the auction proceedings.

Each Bidder Group shall designate one spokesperson for formal on the record communications.

All official bidding shall take place in the designated room, in the presence of the court reporter and on the record. No parties may confer with the Debtor or among themselves off the record. Bidding shall be conducted in a round-robin manner.

The current highest bid of \$10 million, by Group A, has been determined to be the starting bid this morning.

Thereafter, the bidding order by round shall be by Group B, then C, and then Group A's turn thereafter.

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And they were designated in this order because it's the order that they were received.

The initial overbid shall be an amount of not less than \$10.1 million, with bidding increments thereafter of not less than 100,000, unless further determined by the Debtor to agree to a lower bidding increment.

All bidders shall have the right to pass when their turn comes and still participate in a later round of bidding, provided that no Bidder may pass in two consecutive rounds.

All Bidders shall have the opportunity to request reasonable adjournments, of not greater than approximately 10 minutes, during the auction proceedings, in order to confer at each point during the proceedings when it is that Bidder's opportunity to bid. At such time as

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each remaining Bidder, other than the last highest Bidder, passes in the same round, each bidder will be asked one more time if they desire to submit a higher bid. If all bidders decline, the Debtor shall indicate that it is prepared to close the bidding and if none of the Bidders responds with an approved bid, will close the bidding, subject to further deliberations by the Debtor, the committee and the secured parties.

After the initial close of bidding, the Debtor, the Committee and the Secured Parties, shall independently and collectively confer, to discuss and determine which of the Bidders has submitted the highest and best bid, in their views, and other determinations as may be necessary.

After conferring with the parties, the Debtor may separately confer with one or more Bidder

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Groups, in relation to the last highest bid made and any further adjustments or enhancements to bids that may be requested or agreed to be made.

For the avoidance of doubt, it is possible that the Debtor may determine to open additional bidding after that point in time and prior to a formal close of the auction.

Further, the Debtor, in consultation with the Committee and Secured Parties, reserves the right to alter or modify the rules set forth this morning or otherwise as permitted by the Bidding Procedures.

At the close of the auction, the Debtor intends to announce the determination of the parties or any related disputes that might exist, to the Bidders here today.

Thereafter, the results of the auction, including any determination as to the highest and best and

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back-up bid, will be presented promptly to the Debtor's Board of Trustees, following the close of the auction today and the Debtor will then present the results of the auction to the Court at the Sale Approval Hearing, which is currently scheduled for Monday, February 5th.

After the close of the auction, parties should be advised that the Debtor does intend to finalize the terms of the Purchase Agreement immediately and have the winning Bidder and back-up Bidder execute the same, subject to Court approval.

Prior to our commencement of the formal auction then, just a couple of reminders.

As we mentioned earlier, there is a court reporter transcribing the proceeding. So when you speak, please identify yourself for the record and to ensure an accurate record, please speak clearly, slowly

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2	and only one person is to speak at a
3	time.
4	Unless there are any questions
5	from the Bidders, we will commence
6	with the first round of bidding.
7	So as each of the Groups were
8	informed, in accordance with the
9	Bidding Procedures, the Debtor has
10	announced that Group A has been
11	determined to be the highest bid and
12	will be the starting bid for purposes
13	of the auction this morning.
14	That means that it is currently
15	Group B's opportunity to bid.
16	MR. JIA: Pass.
17	MR. SOUTHARD: Group B has
18	determined to pass. Now it is Group
19	C's opportunity to bid.
20	MR. VARDI: 10.1.
21	MR. SOUTHARD: \$10.1 million.
22	It's now Group A's opportunity to
23	bid.
24	MR. KANE: 10,200,000.
25	MR. SOUTHARD: 10.2 million

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2	from Group A. Group B.
3	MR. JIA: Pass.
4	MR. SOUTHARD: Group B has
5	passed for a second time.
6	Group C.
7	MR. VARDI: Pass.
8	MR. SOUTHARD: Group C has
9	passed. That means at this point,
10	Group C will have one other
11	opportunity to bid.
12	10.2 million to Group C.
13	MR. VARDI: Can we have ten
14	minutes?
15	MR. SOUTHARD: Absolutely.
16	Group C for the record, has requested
17	an opportunity to confer. We will go
18	off the record at this point.
19	[At this time, a discussion was
20	held off the record.]
21	MR. VARDI: We'll pass.
22	MR. SOUTHARD: Back on the
23	record.
24	Group C has come back and
25	indicated they're also passing. At

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this point, unless there are any additional bids by any of the bidders, we will close the bidding at this point and the Debtor will confer with the creditors present here this morning and may choose to speak with the Bidder Groups, so we would ask that you remain here for the moment and we'll be back to you as soon as we can. We'll go off the record.

[At this time, a short recess was taken.]

MR. SOUTHARD: Good afternoon, Sean Southard again, representing Dowling College, back on the record after an extended break from the auction.

At this time, I am here to advise the participants that the auction is adjourned. The parties, including the Debtor, Secured Creditors and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors have conferred off the record among themselves with

Page 18 Auction 1 various of the bidders and at this 2 3 time, have not reached any determinations in relation to the bid 4 submitted today at auction, so the 5 auction is adjourned. 6 We will be in contact with the 7 parties and the participants at the 8 auction today, as soon as we have a 9 determination to discuss with the 10 11 parties. 12 We appreciate your 13 participation and your patience throughout the day and we will be in 14 touch as soon as we have more 15 Thank you. 16 information. (Time noted: 4:00 p.m.) 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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2	CERTIFICATION
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4	I, JENNIFER BRENNAN, a Notary Public
5	for and within the State of New York, do
6	hereby certify:
7	That the within transcript is a true
8	and accurate record of the proceedings.
9	I further certify that I am not
10	related to any of the parties to this
11	action by blood or marriage, and that I
12	am in no way interested in the outcome of
13	this matter.
14	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
15	set my hand this 1st day of February,
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